

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
Raymond Rudolph Spivey )  
Serial No.: 09/757,714 )  
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For: CARTON WITH AN IMPROVED )  
DISPENSING FEATURE )

Examiner: Noland, Kenneth W.

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box Fee Amendment  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace pending paragraph [0027] with the following substitute paragraph:

In order to maintain the structural integrity of this carton, the bottom portions 90 and 92 of the side end flaps 42 and 50 are not removed from the carton when the dispenser is removed. The structural integrity of the carton is improved by the fact that the bottom end flap 46 is not removed. The bottom end flap 46 has a height H approximately equal to the distance between A and B along fold lines 44 and 52 respectively. This means that the bottom end flap 46 has the same height as the bottom portions 90 and 92 of the side end flaps 42 and 50, thus producing a strong bottom end structure. As shown in Figs. 3 and 4, the height of the bottom end structure formed by 46, 90 and 92 is less than the diameter of a can C.